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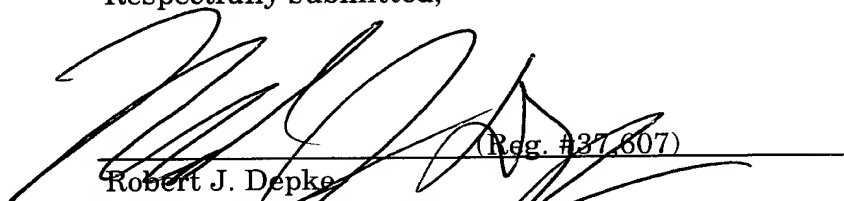
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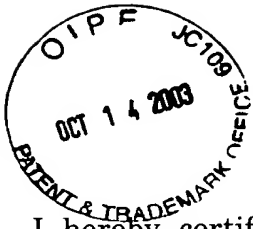
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Applicant therefore awaits consideration and examination of elected claims 1-12 and respectfully requests consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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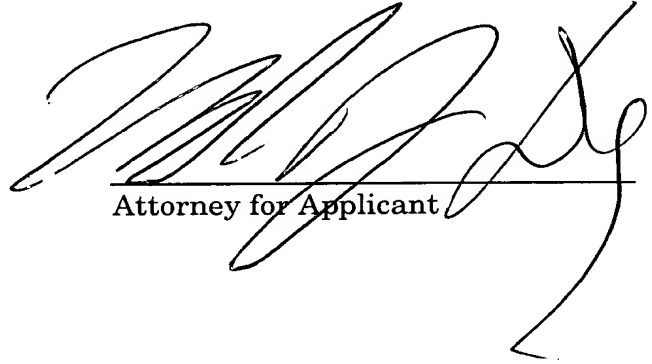


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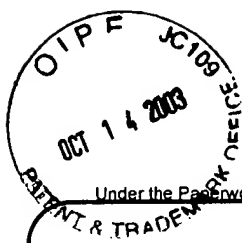
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